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ROBERT S. McCONNELL DIES IN KANSAS CITY

Former Mexico Resident Succumbs to
Attack of Pneumonia at the
Home of His Son

Robert S. McConnell, 73 years old, formerly of this city, died at the home of his son, S. P. McConnell, in Kansas City Sunday afternoon of pneumonia. The funeral was in this city Monday afternoon by the Rev. A. A. Wallace and the body was interred in Elmwood cemetery. The Masons were in charge of the services.

For years Mr. McConnell was proprietor of the Ringo and Central hotels here. This was at a time when the two hosteleries, both of which are now burned, were connected by a bridge across Jefferson street at a point where the Graham store now is. Later, Mr. McConnell ran the Ferris house, a four story frame structure at the old depot, which was at the Western avenue railroad crossing and was one of the largest frame buildings in this section of the state.

Besides a wife he leaves two sons, S. P. and Ray P., of Kansas City, and a daughter, Mrs. A. H. Barragar, of Seattle. Mr. McConnell was very popular here and had many friends in Mexico who will regret to learn of his death.

Carl A. Wishrope, of Kansas, accompanied S. P. McConnell here to make the funeral arrangements. The Ledger joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved. Mr. McConnell came to Mexico with his parents when he was six years old and spent most of his life here.

ELMER JOHNSON DEAD.

Former Resident of Audrain County
Dies in California at Age of 59.

Elmer Johnson, formerly of Benton City, and well known in Audrain County, died at a hospital in Alhambra, California, November 11. He had been in poor health, suffering from a complication of stomach troubles, for about three years, and for the past year has been practically an invalid. He was buried in Alhambra, where he and his wife had bought a home, having moved there a year ago when Mr. Johnson was forced to give up his work as manager of a small railroad in Nova Scotia, on account of his health.

His wife and two sisters, Misses Anna and Clara Johnson, were with him when he died. He leaves, aside from them, four brothers: Finley Johnson, of Benton City; Ed Johnson, of Greeley, Colo.; Neal Johnson, of Corpus Christi, Texas; and Earl Johnson, who is in Canada. Col. J. C. Johnson, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Mr. Johnson was 59 years old. For many years he lived in Benton City. He was for several years professor in the Danville School. Later he went to Nova Scotia, and from there to California.

The many old friends of Mr. Johnson and his brother, Finley Johnson, who now lives in Benton City, will be grieved to learn of his death. The Ledger extends sympathy to members of the family who are left.

DIMITRY BABY DIES.

Margaret Luelle, 8-weeks-old Child of
Mrs. Frances Dimitry, Succumbs
to Whooping Cough and
Pneumonia.

Little Margaret Luelle Dimitry, eight weeks old daughter and only child of Mrs. Frances Dimitry, died at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, Wednesday morning. The baby had been sick with whooping cough and pneumonia for about three weeks.

The funeral will be held Thursday morning, but exact arrangements have not yet been made. The Rev. Richard Gentry, pastor of the Christian church will conduct the services; burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

The Ledger extends sympathy to the bereaved mother and grandparents.

Thompson Couple Wed.

Miss Effie Belle Chick and Rufus G. Stone, both of Thompson, were married in the Baptist church in Mexico Wednesday. The Rev. E. L. Painter, pastor of the Bethlehem and New Hope Churches performed the ceremony.

Circuit Judge A. W. Walker, of Fayette, is the guest of Circuit Judge E. S. Gantt.

MEXICO POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES GET RAISE

Two Clerks and one Carrier Receive
\$200 a Year in Additional Salary
Through New Bill

Salary increases that have just gone into effect in the Mexico post office as the result of a passage of a bill by congress will be retroactive July 1 of this year.

There are two clerks and one carrier who will receive an increase of \$200 a year in pay and the remaining local carriers and clerks will receive \$150 additional. The clerks getting this raise are E. E. Shay and Jack Wilding and the carrier, Chas. Pulis.

The law also allows substitute carriers and clerks to be remunerated at the rate of 60 cents an hour.

The bill authorizing the boost was passed by congress after an investigation of the salaries received by these government employees had been conducted by a congressional committee. The bill was passed by Congress.

No notification of rural carriers receiving an advance has been received though it is expected.

INCREASE IN RATES AND CUT IN SIZE OF NEWSPAPERS ADVISED

Publishers' Committee Also Advocates
Only Monthly or Quarterly
Advertising Contracts.

NEW YORK, November 13.—Material increases in advertising and subscription rates, limitation of the size of newspapers and provisions in advertising contracts whereby rates can be adjusted monthly or quarterly, were among the recommendations made Wednesday by a special convention of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, called to consider the news print shortage.

The report of the Resolution Committee, adopted unanimously, follows: Paper manufacturers have told us that there is a world-wide shortage of paper. At the present rate of consumption the newspapers are using about 10 per cent more paper than is being produced. This means an annual shortage on the present basis of approximately 200,000 tons. Your committee, therefore, recommends:

That the regulations of the War Industries Board for the conservation of news print be strictly adhered to, and that the full text of all these regulations be sent to all the daily and Sunday newspapers of the United States, whether or not they are members of this body.

Rate Increase Advocated.

That publishers everywhere be urged to materially increase advertising and subscription rates and at the same time limit the size of their issues.

That no newspaper enter into a yearly contract for advertising at a fixed rate, but make rates adjustable monthly or quarterly.

That the American Newspaper Publishers' Association send out a standard form of adjustable contracts for advertising.

That the Paper Committee strongly discourage the hoarding of print.

That the White Paper Committee and the Legislative Committee on the American Newspaper Publishers' Association urge the enactment of such legislation as will permit the development of water power, so that our timber lands may be made fully available for the manufacture of wood pulp lumber and paper, and we also recommend that Congress be urged to take steps that will induce the Canadian Government to repeal the order in council prohibiting the export of wood cut from crown lands.

ABOUT \$1500 FOR RED CROSS.

It is Expected That Membership Will
Reach 1500 Mark by Friday.

The ten days extension of the Red Cross Roll Call will end Friday of this week and it is expected that by that time a total of \$1500 will have been subscribed by residents of Mexico and students of Hardin College and M. M. A. Small amounts are still coming in, and indications are that additions to the local membership will be made up until the last day of the drive.

Chas. Daniel, of St. Louis, who has been visiting Mexico relatives with his friend Roy Green, of that city, has returned home.

J. J. MCPHEETERS DIES IN CALLAWAY COUNTY

Man 80 Years Old Leaves Wife, Three
Sons and Three Daughters to
Mourn His Death

J. J. McPheeters died at his home in the north part of Callaway County Wednesday morning at 2:30 o'clock. He had been sick only a short time, his trouble being a complication of the diseases of old age. He was almost 80 years old. The funeral will probably not be held before Friday, as some members of the family will come from Oklahoma, and arrangements will not be completed until they arrive.

Mr. McPheeters leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters. Two sons, J. W. and O. R. McPheeters, both of whom are married, live in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The other children, J. P. McPheeters and Misses Mary, Daisy and Jessie, are unmarried and live at home. The family was making plans to move to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and Miss Daisy and Miss Jessie had gone there recently to make arrangements to that effect. A sale was held a short time ago. They, together with the two brothers who live there, were called home Monday night.

Mr. McPheeters has been an elder in the Concord Presbyterian church for many years, and has been a faithful worker in that congregation. He was a devout Christian character, and will be greatly missed in the neighborhood in which he has long made his home. The Ledger joins in extending sympathy to the wife and children who survive him.

Mr. McPheeters is a second cousin of Jim and Roy McPheeters, who are in the furniture and undertaking business here.

HATTON-CONCORD ITEMS.

Miss Hattie Bailey and mother were shopping in Mexico Saturday. — Miss Frances Cottrell who attends high school in Fulton spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks. — Hogs are dying around Hatton with cholera. — T. J. Bates and Son unloaded two car loads of mules Saturday that were bought in Dale County last week. — Miss Jane Harding is visiting her brother, Chas. Holt in Michigan. — Wonder why Reed McPheeters goes to Mexico so much of late? What is the matter with our pretty girls? Go slow Red or the "Goblins" will get you if you don't watch out. — Norman Boyd was guest of Miss Ada Porter Sunday. — Mrs. John Tischer is moving some of her things to Fulton where she bought a home. We hate to see her go and she will be greatly missed by all where she was always ready to help any one sick far and near. — Jim and Charley Porter attended Murray's Hereford sale and bought some good cows. — John Mosley is getting along nicely since his return from the Mexico hospital and his many friends hope he will soon be entirely well. — Paul McDonald had a dance Saturday night at his lovely home on the east of Goose Hill College. The music was furnished by Johnson's string band. They danced until a late hour, when Paul invited them to eat "Possum and Sweet Taters" in his elegant dining room that was decorated with hot house flowers and ferns. Prof. Tom Johnson gave a reading on "Possum life" which was enjoyed by all. They left when the old roosters began to crow for midnight, wishing Paul would soon have another dance and regretting the time had ended so soon. — Tom Jenkins and family shopped in Mexico last Wednesday.

HEDGEDEALE ITEMS.

We're having nice weather again the last week, which is needed badly. The farmers are all in the corn fields. Corn is averaging around 40 bushel per acre. — F. F. Witche purchased a new Maxwell car of W. S. Doolin. — Miss Mary Hanna spent the week-end with home folks. — Val Erdel has completed his new house. — Pat Beckman is building a hen house. — Mrs. Frank Erdel spent a week visiting relatives in Mt. Olive, Illinois. — Quite a number of young people from this neighborhood attended the pie supper at Hazel school house Saturday night. — Raymond Snook bought F. F. Witche's Ford car. — Mrs. Louis Kircher and daughter, Frances, spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Snook of Mexico. — Bro. Nickerson held his regular appointment at Little by Sunday morning. Dr. McFarland of the Kansas Conference gave an excellent talk. — Frank Skelly and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Snook of Mexico Sunday evening.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR AMERICAN LEGION

To Begin Sunday With Four-Minute
Speakers in all Churches—To
Continue Through Week

Definite plans for enlarging the membership of the local post of the American Legion were made at an enthusiastic meeting held in the Community Hall Tuesday night, when a large number of the present members were there. To obtain the co-operation of the public in securing members it was decided to begin an intensive campaign next Sunday, by placing four-minute speakers in all the churches, and to carry the drive throughout the week following.

A four-minute speaker will be heard at the Orpheum theatre each night next week, and during that time every attempt will be made to obtain a hundred per cent membership within the jurisdiction of the James Bledsoe Post. Saturday, November 23, has been set as tag day. At that time small donations will be asked for from the citizens of Mexico, and the donors will be given a tag showing their allegiance to and interest in the American Legion. The money will be used to carry out the work which is being planned for the post, and for helping to equip the rooms used as a meeting place.

On December 4 a well-known speaker is to be obtained to make an address to the Legion and to the public of Mexico. Buttons for members of the local post have been obtained and may be procured from Ray Miller at the First National Bank.

The matter of staging home talent plays in conjunction with the Centralia post is under consideration. Definite plans will be made later.

AGED ELOPERS WERE MARRIED IN MEXICO

71 Year Old Bride and Husband 49
Years Old Bothered by Children
of the "Blushing" Bride

(St. Louis Globe Democrat)
Mrs. Minnie Offen, a widow, 71 years old, of Terre Haute, Ind., and Joseph Montgomery, 49 a horsehoe of the same place, eloped a week ago from that city, were married at Mexico, Mo., and then came to St. Louis where they have been making their home at 1424 Olive street.

Their romance was revealed Thursday night when Frank M. Brown, a retired grocer of Terre Haute, and a son-in-law of the bride, called at Police Headquarters and asked that the couple be located.

When the newlyweds were taken to a spiritual message of deep meaning meant against interference in their affairs.

"Won't you come home with me?" asked Brown of his mother-in-law. "I'd rather stay here and die with my husband than go back to Terre Haute," was her reply.

Brown said the affair between the two has been progressing for several months and had been looked upon with disfavor by Mrs. Offen's four children, all of whom are married.

"At first we took the friendship as a sort of joke," he said, "but when they disappeared a week ago I thought it time to investigate."

Tells of Tracing Woman.

Montgomery held his bride by the arm and with a disdainful glance produced the certificate which proved that the nuptials had been performed at Mexico on November 4.

"I guess it's O. K., isn't it?" he asked—and Brown and the police were forced to admit that it was. Brown told the police that he had traced his mother-in-law here through letters which she had sent to a Terre Haute real estate company asking for money. He said that she is the owner of considerable property in that city, left to her by her late husband, who died last March. He said that she had altered the inscription on her husband's tombstone to read "March, 1918," instead of "March, 1919."

Brown was informed by the police that no action could be taken here to have the marriage annulled. He said that he would attempt to have a legal guardian appointed for his mother-in-law at Terre Haute.

COAL REMAINS SCARCE.

One Carload Released to Dealers Today
And One to Power Company.

The coal situation in Mexico is little improved and, despite the fact that one car was released to one of the local dealers today, the committee on issuing permits has been forced to deny coal to some people who are out, but who have other fuel available. There are so many people, according to E. S. Wilson, who can get nothing else to burn and who are running completely out of coal, that those who can get wood to burn will have to use it, until the situation is relieved some.

The Power Company also had a car of coal released today, and with that the company can run under its conservation schedule until the first of next week. The company has hopes of being taken care of by the administration, but only if the people of Mexico show a willingness to co-operate in a system of conservation, according to E. R. Locke. It is absolutely necessary to keep enough coal in reserve to take care of the town in case of fire, and for that reason the company can not use its coal up to the last ton.

W. C. T. U.
At the Audrain County convention of the W. C. T. U., to be held at the Baptist church here Tuesday, November 25th, the following program will be rendered, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

Devotional Exercises by Mrs. J. W. Howell.

Special Music, by Baptist Quartette.

Appointment of Committees.

Reports from Local Unions.

Report of County President.

League of Women Voters, by Mrs. W. W. Botts.

Report of State Convention, by Miss Roena Shaner, State Vice-president.

Election of officers for next year.

Adjournment.

At 7:30 in the evening Miss Roena Shaner will give a report of the National Convention at St. Louis.

MEXICO GATHERING ARMS FOR INVASION

Placing Big Orders in Belgium and
Spain With View of Fighting the
United States.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Large orders for arms and ammunition, placed by Mexico in Belgium and Spain, in preparation for the possibility of American intervention, came to light when the State Department let it become known that the government had taken steps to prevent their shipments.

The charge d'affaires of the United States embassy in Brussels has protested, under instructions, that shipments of the munitions would be in violation of the international arms convention. As Spain is not party to the agreement, which was designed to aid in keeping the peace of the world during the after the war transition period, no such direct action is probable at Madrid.

The order in Belgium was placed with the Fabrique Nationale D'Arms at Liege, probably under the direction of Cando Aguilar, Mexican minister of foreign affairs and President Carranza's son-in-law, who went to Europe recently, after stopping here and placing a wreath in George Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon.

ON TWO TORPEDOED BOATS.

Father of Mrs. Horace Sommers Has
Lead Sea-Faring Life 45 Years.

The father of Mrs. Horace Sommers, who came here about a month ago as an "English War Bride," is a chef in the British Merchant Navy; during the war he was on two torpedoed ships, and escaped going down with the Lusitania by a mere chance, having been transferred from it to another boat just a month before the Lusitania disaster.

John L. Wilson, Mrs. Sommers' father, has been going to sea for 45 years, she said, having joined the Navy when he was but 14 years old and having worked up to the position of chef.

He was on two ships that were sunk during the war, the Ordunia and the Franconia; the one went down just a day out from New York, the other a day out from Ireland. He was picked up immediately when the Franconia was sunk, but in the other wreck he was three days in a small open boat which was leaking badly, before he was rescued. He and his comrades had nothing to eat all that time, and for twenty-four hours it was raining. He was taken to a hospital in New York, but was able to go on another boat in about two weeks.

It was three weeks, Mrs. Sommers said, before she and her family received news of her father's safety, after the second of his shipwrecks.

Despite his ill fortunes Mr. Wilson could not be persuaded to give up his sea-going life, Mrs. Sommers said. He has been following his trade for so long that he cannot be happy on land.

MAUDE BIGGS TO WED.

Hardin Graduate Will Marry Harold
C. Head in Vandalia, Dec. 4.

Miss Maude Christine Biggs, of Vandalia, will be married to Harold C. Head, Chaplain of the Third United States Cavalry, Thursday afternoon, December 4, in the Baptist church in Vandalia. A reception, at the home of the bride, will be held immediately after the ceremony, and the young couple will leave at once for Ethan Allen, Vermont, where they will make their home.

Miss Biggs is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCune Biggs, of Vandalia. She was graduated from Hardin College in Voice and Expression. She is a member of the Beta Sigma sorority and is well known in Mexico.

Mr. Head is from Kentucky. He is a graduate of William Jewell College and is now a Baptist minister.

The Ledger joins the many friends of this young couple in wishing them much happiness.

Moving to Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. George Bremer, who recently sold their home to Mr. Bailes, of Minton, Iowa, are arranging to move to Morrisville, Ill., to reside. Their many friends regret to have them leave Mexico, but wish them much happiness in their new home.

R. L. Creed and Stanley Creed, of Auxvasse, was in Mexico Tuesday.

NEGRO IS LYNCHED IN MOBERLY SUNDAY

One of Four Who Robbed Edward
Thompson, a Farmer, Thursday
Night is Shot by Mob

MOBERLY, Mo., November 17.—A negro, said to be one of four who on Thursday night held up and robbed Edward Thompson, a farmer, on the outskirts of Moberly, was lynched in Forest Park here early Sunday morning. The negro's three companions, who had been taken with him from the Macon Jail and spirited to Moberly by the mob, escaped from the lynchers. Two of them later were captured by the Randolph County officers, and are now in jail at a point unknown. One negro still is at large, but poses as scouring the country for him and his capture is momentarily expected.

The four negroes were arrested Thursday night by Moberly police after Thompson had reported that while on his way home he had been held up and beaten into insensibility by four blacks. He gave the police a description of his assailants and a short time later Harry Cassy, a Moberly negro proprietor of a rooming house, told the police four men answering the description given by Thompson were at his home. When arrested all of the negroes were armed. They gave their names as Halley Richardson, 18 years old, 101 West Thirty-first street, Chicago; Sanford Taylor, 20, 113 Bakes street, East St. Louis; George Adams, 18, 2938 Federal street, Chicago; James Anderson, 3122 Federal street, Chicago.

Neighbors Bent on Lynching.

Rumors that Thompson's neighbors were bent on lynching the negroes reached the Moberly officers Friday morning, and following their preliminary hearing, when they were bound over to the next term of the Circuit Court, the prisoners were taken to the Randolph County Jail at Huntsville. Friday night, it is said, a mob went to Huntsville, but was outwitted by Sheriff Henry Owens, who had taken the negroes to the Macon County Jail. Last night an unusually large number of farmers were notified on the streets here, but as the negroes were not in the city mob violence was little feared. That night, however, about twenty automobiles sped to Macon, the jail was stormed and the four prisoners were taken from the Macon County Sheriff held only in their night clothes and brought to Moberly.

Mob Waiting at Park.

The mob hurried the negroes to Forest Park, in the west part of the city. Here a crowd, said to number 100 men, was waiting. A large fire had been built, it is said, but it is uncertain whether the intention was to burn the negroes or merely to keep the mob members warm. One of the negroes had his arms pinioned behind him. A rope was placed about his neck and thrown over an outgunning limb. The mob pulled and the limb broke. The negro started running as he fell. Four guns flashed and he was killed instantly.

At the shots the other three negroes ran. Efforts to catch them failed, unless, as the officers suspect, one of them was thrown into Forest Park lake and drowned. Searching parties have been dragging the lake all day but the body has not been recovered and it is believed the negro made his escape. This theory is given credence by the fact that an unclad negro was said to have been seen in the vicinity of Clifton Hill this afternoon and a posse now is there looking for him.

R. C. MELVIN TALKS HERE.

University Instructor Addresses Federated Clubs on Social Service.

R. C. Melvin, of the faculty of the University of Missouri, spoke on social service at the regular monthly meeting of the Federated Clubs held in the Library Monday afternoon. This is the first of the talks for the year just beginning, of which it has been planned to have twelve. About thirty ladies were present and the address was considered interesting and instructive.

The Federation includes these departments: Civics, Conservation, Fine Arts, Home Economics, Industrial and Social Welfare, Legislation, Literature and Reciprocity, Press, Music, Health and Thrift. Each meeting for the coming year will be under one of these departments, and a speaker of note will be obtained for each meeting.

Judge Douglass, of Benton City, was in Mexico on business Tuesday.